IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO - WESTERN DIVISION

GERALD CASH, et al. : Case No. C-1-01-753

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Plaintiffs, : (Honorable Sandra S. Beckwith)

v. : DEFENDANTS' JOINT MEMORANDUM

: IN OPPOSITION TO MOTION TO

HAMILTON COUNTY DEPT. OF ADULT : SUBSTITUTE PARTY FOR PLAINTIFF

PROBATION, et al. : GERALD CASH

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Defendants :

For the reasons stated with more particularity in the attached Memorandum of Law,

Defendants Michael L. Walton and the Hamilton County Department of Adult Probation and the

City of Cincinnati, jointly oppose Plaintiff Gerald Cash's Motion to Substitute Party.

Respectfully submitted,

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MEMORANDUM OF LAW

Civil Rule 25 requires a motion for substitution to be made within 90 days after death is suggested upon the record. A suggestion of death was filed upon the record in this matter on November 5, 2003. Over two and one-half years have passed since the suggestion of death was filed by plaintiffs. No motion has been tendered on behalf of Gerald Cash or Clara Cash to substitute their successors or representatives. Dismissal of the claims of Gerald Cash and Clara Cash is therefore appropriate. *Russell v. City of Milwaukee Employees' Retirement System Annuity and Pension Bd.*, 338 F.3d 662 (7th Cir. 2003).

In addition, Plaintiffs have simply not acted with the diligence required to preserve the claims of Gerald and Clara Cash. Though an estate was opened on behalf of Gerald Cash in the Hamilton County Probate Court on January 7, 2005, and an administrator appointed (see attached appointment of an administrator), no action was taken to substitute the estate in this action. Until the filing of the motion that is the subject of this memorandum. No action was taken with respect to Clara Cash at all. No estate has been opened on her behalf. Plaintiffs only filed this motion in response to the Defendants' joint motion to dismiss the claims of Gerald and Clara Cash. The motion is untimely and not well-taken and therefore ought to be denied.

III. CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, the Defendants jointly request that Gerald Cash's Motion to Substitute be denied and all claims made on his behalf be dismissed.

Respectfully submitted,
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